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Sir David Attenborough

Today we celebrated the 100th birthday of Sir David Attenborough—environmentalist and broadcaster.

Well done to Abigael, Ramona, Hattie and Georgia (Year 4) for their entertaining assembly today—which included a party birthday cake!



Sir David Attenborough



Thank you also to Jemima and Iris who put together and presented an informative assembly about the life of Sir David on Wednesday.



Nature Celebration

Over the last couple of weeks at lunch times children have been engaging in pond dipping—enjoying our wildlife pond and catching lots of newts.



Science Trip

Year 5 enjoyed an exciting and informative visit to the Science Centre at Herstmonceux last Friday, where they took part in a range of engaging hands-on activities and investigations. Thanks to staff and parents who supported the trip, for helping to make it such a valuable learning experience.



Sporting Updates

We were able to field two teams at the mid Sussex **Year 5/6 cricket** mid qualifying round this week and what an afternoon of cricket it was! **Team Harlands** were successful and now compete in the Mid Sussex area finals after half term. Well played everyone!

Thank you so much to parents for all of the help with transporting the children and special thanks to Mr Speight for his expertise on the day.



Meanwhile, Year 4 have been honing their **tennis** skills in a festival held at Warden Park Secondary Academy.



Sporting Updates



Congratulations to the members of Haywards Heath Rugby Club who attended a rugby festival last weekend.

The children spoke proudly in assembly about how much they enjoyed the experience.

A special well done also to Felix (Year 4), who was recognised with an award for demonstrating excellent Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline, and Sportsmanship (TREDs) across the weekend.

'I pushed myself to the limits and made lots of tackles.'



PTA UPDATE

We've got some exciting updates to share with our Harlands community!

Bake Sale: Thank You

A big thank you for all the support for the Year 1 Cake Sale today both buyers and helpers! The next bake sale is on the **Friday 3rd July 2026**.

Save the Date!

Our Summer Fair will be taking place on **Saturday 27th June 2026**, make sure to pop it in your diary! More details will be shared soon, but we're already looking forward to a fantastic afternoon for families and children alike.

We're also please to announce we have a Summer disco on **Friday 19th June 2026**. More details will also be shared closer to the date.

Colour Run Update

A huge thank you to everyone who has already supported our Colour Run! Please continue to encourage donations and sponsorships wherever possible, every contribution helps us raise valuable funds for the school.

We're also still looking for volunteers to help on the day, so if you can spare some time, we'd love to hear from you!

Volunteer Link: <https://volunteersignup.org/R48CD>

Fundraising Link: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/paintharlands>

Welcome to Our New Secretary

We'd like to give a warm welcome to **Kelly Pettit**, who has joined the PTA as our new Secretary. Thank you for stepping into the role and supporting the team!

PTA Roles Still Available

We are still looking to fill the important roles of:

- Treasurer
- Communications Officer

If you'd be interested in getting involved or would like to find out more, please get in touch. Any help, big or small, makes a real difference to our school community.

Thank you for your continued support!

Scooters

Concerns have been expressed by various people about children riding their scooters down the driveway and across Penland Road.

Please can parents/carers ensure that children WALK their scooters down the driveway and, if they need to cross Penland Road, children should continue to walk their scooters until they have crossed. This also applies to any younger pre-school children.



Diary Dates / Reminders

Monday, 11-Friday 15 May

Wednesday, 13 May

Monday, 25 May-Friday, 29 May

Monday, 1 June

Monday, 8 June-Friday 12 June

Wednesday, 17 June

Friday, 19 June

Thursday, 25 June

Wednesday, 22 July

Tuesday, 1 September

Wednesday, 2 September

Thursday, 3 September

Friday, 23 October

Monday, 26-Friday, 30 October

Friday, 18 December

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Year 1 to British Wildlife Centre

Half-term

INSET Day

Year 6 Residential to Barton Hall

Open Day

Leavers and Class photos

Sports Day

Last day of Summer Term

INSET Day

INSET Day

Term starts for children in Years 1-6

INSET Day

Half term

Last day of Autumn Term

Payment/paperwork reminders:

Year 3 Egyptian workshop (12th June) - due by Friday 22nd May

Year 6 ongoing instalments for residential trip

Our School Values

